would not be allowed to take admission in the XI class of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The circular referred to in the question has been issued to ensure that the age of students seeking admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas from outside Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan System should have the minimum age as fixed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for each class.

Burden of educational syllabus

†2202. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that burden of educational syllabus on the school going children is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any effective measures to decrease this burden of educational syllabus;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Government has been receiving recommendations from various committees from time to time for reducing the academic burden on school children. The State Governments also broadly expressed their agreement on these recommendations. The Government have written to the State Governments/Union Territories from time to time for expeditious implementation of the recommendations. The implementation of these recommendations has been initiated by most States and Central Agencies. The New National Curriculum Framework for School Education brought out by NCERT recently emphasises reduction of curriculum load at all levels. This has been circulated to all State

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Governments/Union Territories for implementation of the suggestions made therein.

(d) Does not arise.

Indian Institute of Management in Bihar

†2203. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Chief Minister has requested the Central Government to open Indian Institute of Management in Bihar for imparting management studies in the State:

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the above letter;

(c) whether Government propose to open "Indian Institute of Management" in Bihar; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) A request was received from the Chief Minister of Government of Bihar to open an Indian Institute of Management in Bihar for imparting management studies in the State. The matter was examined and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Government of Bihar was informed by the Human Resource Development Minister stating that to begin with, some of the already started national institutes have to consolidate themselves so that students from all over the country, including Bihar, could take advantage of facilities. Further extension of facilities by setting up of new national institutes, with Government funds, could be considered later. There is at present no proposal to establish an Indian Institute of Management in Bihar by the Government of India.

Professional education for weaker sections

2204. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether higher and professional education is getting out of

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